

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7050

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Eugene Ward on the occasion of his recognition in the Star Spangled Salute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions and as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Eugene "Gene" Ward, who will be honored at the Star Spangled Salute on March 16, 2006, an honor most befitting such an outstanding and accomplished Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the Star Spangled Salute is an annual event which recognizes individuals for their extensive community involvement and personal interest in and support of the Donelson Station Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded in his community and his profession, Gene Ward serves on the Advisory Board of the Donelson Station Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ward is Head of the Nashville Electric Service (NES) Legal Department, and he represents NES in governmental affairs before the General Assembly of Tennessee and the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from White Pine High School, Gene Ward earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Lincoln Memorial University, graduating with honors; he then attended the University of Tennessee College of Law on an academic scholarship, and was an active member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ward practiced law in Morristown, until his appointment as Assistant General Counsel to the Tennessee Public Service Commission in 1966; he was later appointed

as General Counsel. Mr. Ward's sagacity and discernment were often called to the fore as he sat as Administrative Judge on approximately 400 Commission cases; and

WHEREAS, Gene Ward joined NES as a Staff Attorney in 1980, and in 1986 he was appointed General Counsel, in which position he has dutifully served for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, a committed public servant, Mr. Ward lends his time and remarkable talents to many worthy organizations, and he can often be found behind the wheel of his 1935 Ford Fire Engine, complete with dalmation, at many area events and parades; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Gene Ward was named to the Lincoln Memorial University Professional Hall of Fame in 2005, and a Jefferson County bridge located along I-81 was named Eugene "Mose" Ward Bridge in his honor; and

WHEREAS, his professional and civic accomplishments aside, Mr. Ward is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Dorothy; and

WHEREAS, Gene Ward epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to his chosen profession, his community, and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Eugene "Gene" Ward upon the occasion of his being honored in the Star Spangled Salute, express to him our deepest gratitude for his meritorious service to Donelson Station Senior Center, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.